West Bridgford Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1964

together with the

REPORT

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Health Department,
70, Bridgford Road,
WEST BRIDGFORD,
Nottingham.

October, 1965.

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To: The Chairman and Members of the
West Bridgford Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report on the state of health and Health Services of the District, this being for the year 1964.

The population estimated by the Registrar General for mid-year 1964 was 27,670 compared with the actual Census figure for 1961 - i.e. 26,957.

The Infantile Mortality Rate was down by 3 compared with 1963 and the rate is very satisfactory when set against that for the Country as a whole. I am pleased to report that there was no Maternal Death during the year.

The general good health of the District has been maintained and there have been fewer notifications of Infectious Diseases, with the exception of Measles, which rose to 214 as compared with 185 in 1963. However, this is not abnormal and is in accordance with the accepted 2-year cycle.

I am also pleased to report a gratifying decrease in the number of new cases of Tuberculosis in the area - the figure this year is 2 as against 11 in 1963. This does not mean that efforts may be relaxed and the necessary precautions must still be pursued.

It will be seen from the various Vaccination and Immunisation Tables in the body of the Report that the Preventive Medicine campaign is more than holding its own in West Bridgford, and full advantage is being taken by the general public of the services offered.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the help and guidance offered to this Department, and I have pleasure in paying tribute to the efficient work of the whole of the Staff of the Health Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Cochran Cross.

Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICS

Area of District	3,045 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	27,670
1961 Census	26,957
Number of Inhabited Houses	9,584
Rateable Value	£1,159,824
Product of Penny Rate per annum (1964-1965)	£4,750

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births	509 (453)	251 (216)	258 (237)
Crude Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	18.43 (16.72)		
Adjusted Birth Rate	17.87 (16.22)		

	Total	Male	Female
Deaths	352 (354)	180 (176)	172 (178)
Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	12.72 (13.06)		
Corrected Death Rate	11.58 (11.88)		

	Total	Male	Female
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	5 (8)	3 (6)	2 (2)
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age (per 1,000 live births)	9.82 (17.66)		

There was no Maternal Death during the year.

The figures in brackets refer to those for the previous year - 1963.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population	27,670	(Registrar General Estimate for mid-year 1964)
	26,957	(Census 1961)

Births

Live	509	(Male 251,	Female	258)
Still	7	(" 2	"	5)
Total	516	(" 253	"	263)

Illegitimate Births

Live	42	(Male 17,	Female	25)
Still	1	(" 0	"	1)
Percentage of total live births	8.25%			

Deaths	352	(Male 180,	Female	172)
Total deaths under 1 year	5	(" 3	"	2)
Illegitimate deaths under 1 year	1	(" 0	"	1)
Total Deaths under 4 weeks	4	(" 2	"	2)
Illegitimate deaths under 4 weeks	1	(" 0	"	1)
Total deaths under 1 week	4	(" 2	"	2)
Maternal deaths	0	(" 0	"	0)

Birth Rate

Crude Live Birth Rate	18.43 per 1,000 population
Corrected Live Birth Rate	17.87 per 1,000 population
Crude Still Birth Rate	13.57 per 1,000 total births
Corrected Still Birth Rate	13.16 per 1,000 total births

Death Rate

Crude Death Rate	12.72 per 1,000 population
Corrected Death Rate	11.58 per 1,000 population
Maternal Death Rate	00.00 per 1,000 live & still births

Infantile Death Rate

Total Infantile Death Rate	9.82 per 1,000 live births
Legitimate Death Rate	7.86 per 1,000 live births
Illegitimate Death Rate	1.96 per 1,000 live births
Neo-Natal Death Rate (under 4 weeks)	7.86 per 1,000 live births
Early Neo-Natal Death Rate (under 1 week)	7.86 per 1,000 live births
Perinatal Death Rate	21.3 per 1,000 live & still births

COMPARATIVE FIGURES	West Bridgford U.D.	England and Wales
	Rate per 1,000 population	
Live Birth Rate	17.87	18.4
	Rate per 1,000 Births	
Still Birth Rate	13.16	16.4
	Rate per 1,000 population	
Death Rate (all causes)	11.58	11.3
	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	
Infantile Death Rate (all causes under 1 year of age)	9.82	20.0
Neo-Natal Death Rate	7.86	13.8

Live Births				Deaths			
Year	Total Number	Rate per 1,000 pop.	England and Wales	Total Number	Crude Rate per 1,000 pop.	Corrected Rate	England and Wales
1946	347	15.0	19.1	252	10.9	-	11.5
1947	368	15.6	20.5	295	12.5	-	12.0
1948	353	14.6	17.9	271	11.2	-	10.8
1949	328	13.4	16.7	325	13.3	11.0	11.7
1950	318	13.0	15.8	295	12.0	10.0	11.6
1951	332	13.4	15.5	335	13.5	11.1	12.5
* 1952	300	12.9	15.3	291	12.5	10.25	11.3
1953	317	13.5	15.5	265	11.3	9.3	11.4
1954	344	15.07	15.2	304	12.81	10.5	11.3
1955	348	15.08	15.0	309	12.87	10.55	11.7
1956	367	15.58	15.6	295	12.06	10.49	11.7
1957	383	15.95	16.1	295	11.92	10.25	11.5
1958	393	16.14	16.4	325	12.96	11.14	11.7
1959	413	16.66	16.5	313	12.27	10.55	11.6
1960	442	17.53	17.1	303	11.66	10.14	11.5
1961	440	16.96	17.4	361	13.52	11.62	12.0
1962	444	14.69	18.0	363	13.47	11.44	11.9
1963	453	16.22	18.2	354	13.06	11.88	12.2
1964	509	17.87	18.4	352	12.72	11.58	11.3

Infant Mortality			
Year	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	England and Wales	Population
1946	17	43	23,110
1947	27	41	23,560
1948	28	34	24,190
1949	30	32	24,420
1950	22	30	24,600
1951	18	29.6	24,780
* 1952	26.6	27.6	23,150
1953	18.9	26.8	23,430
1954	23.25	25.5	23,730
1955	11.49	24.9	23,990
1956	25.52	23.8	24,520
1957	18.27	23.1	24,750
1958	17.81	22.6	25,070
1959	16.94	22.2	25,510
1960	15.84	21.9	25,970
1961	18.18	21.6	26,700
1962	20.27	21.6	26,950
1963	17.66	21.1	27,090
1964	9.82	20.0	27,670

* Alteration of Boundary.

The above Tables represent for comparison some of the Vital Statistics of the District and of England and Wales for the past 19 years.

Population

The Registrar General has supplied figures which show a further increase in population of 580 persons. The natural increase of live births over deaths is 157.

Births

The Births recorded in 1964 show an increase, being 509 compared with 453 in 1963. It will be noted from the previous Table that this compared favourably with the figure for the Country as a whole.

The Still Birth Rate (13.16) shows a decrease and is satisfactory in comparison with the figures for the Country as a whole - i.e. 16.4.

Stillbirths

During 1964 there were 7 stillbirths, details of which are as follows:

	Male.	Female.
Hydrocephalus	-	1
Macerated Foetus: Placental Insufficiency	-	1
Placental Insufficiency: Pre-eclamptic Toxaemia	-	1
Anancephaly	-	2
Intra-uterine death: post maturity	1	-
Intra-uterine Asphyxia: Prematurity	1	-
	2	5

Deaths

There is a slight decrease in the Death Rate as compared with 1963. The actual number of Deaths is 352 as compared with 354 the previous year. This is still reasonable when compared with the Corrected Death Rate for the Country as a whole - e.g. 11.58 to 11.3

Infantile Mortality Rate

The Infantile Mortality Rate has decreased from 17.66 to 9.82 and the figure is below the National figure of 20.0

There have been 5 deaths of infants during 1964 compared with 8 in the previous year. The following Table gives the causes, together with the age at death:

Cause of Death	Age	Number of Cases
Broncho-pneumonia	4 months	1
Prematurity	1 day	2
Prematurity	2 days	1
Hydrocephalus & Spina Bifida	3 days	1
		5

Maternal Mortality Rate

There was no Maternal Death during the year.

Causes of Death

The following List gives the causes of deaths amongst the residents of the District during 1964:-

Cause of Death	Male.	Female.	Total.
Syphilitic Disease	1	0	1
Meningococcal Infections	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm : Stomach	2	2	4
Lung, Bronchus	9	3	12
Breast	0	6	6
Uterus	0	3	3
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	17	16	33
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1	2
Diabetes	2	1	3
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	27	31	58
Coronary Disease with Angina	39	28	67
Hypertension with Heart Disease	5	3	8
Other Heart Disease	18	33	51
Other Circulatory Disease	8	7	15
Influenza	2	0	2
Pneumonia	7	4	11
Bronchitis	14	5	19
Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	0	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	0	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0	3	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	0	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	4	0	4
Congenital Malformations	1	2	3
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	15	13	28
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	2	4
All Other Accidents	4	4	8
Suicide	1	2	3
	180	172	352

Once again Heart and Circulatory Diseases are the commonest causes of death - Cancer being next and followed by Respiratory conditions.

The following Table compares the Death Rates of certain diseases in the District with those of England and Wales:

Cause of Death	West Bridgford Urban District		England & Wales
	Death Rate per 1,000 population		
Tuberculosis (all forms)	0.00	(0.03)	0.05
Diphtheria	0.00	(0.00)	0.00
Whooping-cough	0.00	(0.00)	0.00
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	0.43	(0.48)	0.54
Influenza	0.07	(0.00)	0.02
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.00	(0.00)	0.00
Pneumonia	0. 4	(0.44)	0.63
Coronary Disease and Angina	2.42	(1.58)	2.24

The figures in brackets are for last year - 1963.

The following details of Deaths amongst residents in the District have been estimated:

Deaths between 70 and 80 years	-	83 or 24% of all deaths
" " 80 and 90 years	-	111 or 32% of all deaths
" 90 years and over	-	14 or 4% of all deaths

The oldest person to die was a Femals aged 97 years. From the above figures it will be seen that 60% of all deaths occurring in the District take place in residents over the age of 70. Below are tabulated further details about these Deaths:

	70 - 80 years.		80 - 90 years.		90 years and over.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
At home	27	20	31	49	2	9
In Hospital	14	18	12	19	2	1
Others	2	2	-	-	-	-
	43	40	43	68	4	10

Notifiable Diseases

The health of the District during the year as seen by notifications of Infectious Diseases to this Department has maintained its usual high standard.

The following Table shows the incidence of Infectious Diseases together with that for the previous year and the rate per 1,000 population for the District:

Disease	No. of Cases		West Bridgford U.D. Case Rate per 1,000 Population	
Pueperal Pyrexia	0	(0)	0.00	(0.00)
Dysentery	2	(4)	0.07	(0.15)
Scarlet Fever	1	(5)	0.04	(0.18)
Whooping Cough	0	(4)	0.00	(0.15)
Diphtheria	0	(0)	0.00	(0.00)
Measles	214	(185)	7.7	(6.8)
Acute Pneumonia	3	(2)	0.1	(0.07)
Acute Poliomyelitis:				
Non-Paralytic	0	(0)	0.00	(0.00)
Paralytic	0	(0)	0.00	(0.00)
Erysipelas	1	(0)	0.04	(0.00)
Food Poisoning	0	(1)	0.00	(0.03)
Meningococcal Meningitis	0	(1)	0.00	(0.03)
Tuberculosis:				
Pulmonary	2	(9)	0.07	(0.33)
Non-Pulmonary	0	(2)	0.00	(0.07)

The figures in brackets refer to the incidence of these diseases in 1963.

Scarlet Fever

The figures for the year show a decrease on 1963 - i.e. 1 to 5. The disease has been mild in character for several years and this is being maintained.

Whooping-cough

There were no cases of this disease in 1964 as against 4 cases in 1963.

Measles

The figures for this infectious disease have again increased compared with the previous year, the number of cases being 214 as against 185 in 1963.

Acute Poliomyelitis

There have been no cases in West Bridgford during 1964.

Diphtheria

Once again there has been a complete absence of this disease during 1964.

Food Poisoning

There have been no cases notified during the year.

Enteric Fever

No cases of Enteric Fever have been notified in 1964.

Tuberculosis

Additions to the Register are 7 cases in 1964 compared with 22 in 1963. Of these additions 2 are fresh notifications and 5 have come to live in the District, i.e., "Transfer-in" cases.

There are thus:

Additions to the Register	-	7 cases
Removals off the Register	-	31 cases

The following Tables give details of age groups in both new cases and removals from the Register by Death:

Age Group	Tuberculosis in 1964 New Cases				Removals (Deaths)			
	Respy.		Non-Respy.		Respy.		Non-Respy.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-69 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70-80 years	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-

31 cases have been removed from the Register and of these 13 cases have been reported as "Recovered" by the Chest Physician, 16 have left the District, i.e., "Transfer-out" cases and 2 have died.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

Laboratory Facilities : Public Health Laboratory

The Public Health Laboratory, being the Laboratory for the Nottinghamshire Area under the Public Health Laboratory Service of the Medical Research Council, carries out the following examinations:

Milk:	Phosphatase Test, Methylene Blue Test, Bacteriological, etc.
Ice-cream:	Methylene Blue Test, Grading, etc.
Food:	Bacteriological examination of Foodstuffs.
Water:	Bacteriology of Water.
Pathological Specimens:	Bacteriology and Pathology of Swabs, Sputa, etc.

The Laboratory carries out many functions, but those listed above are the main ones the Department is likely to require. The service is an excellent one and is available to the Medical profession.

City Analyst's Laboratory

Similar examinations to those listed are carried out in respect of Milk, Ice-cream and Water. The Laboratory is also able to carry out chemical analysis of food. Mr. E.R.W. Fogden, B.Sc., F.T.I.C., is the official Analyst for the purposes of the Food and Drug Act, 1955.

Ambulance Service

The Nottinghamshire County Council maintain a service of Ambulances at Rectory Road, West Bridgford and an Ambulance may be obtained for necessitous cases by contacting the Nottinghamshire County Council Ambulance Control, Telephone Number - Nottingham 55939.

Maternity and Child Welfare Services

These services are provided by the Nottinghamshire County Council. The following Clinics are available in the District:

Millicent Road County Health Clinic

Child Welfare Session

Tuesday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

A Medical Officer attends each week.

Musters Road County Health Clinic (Baptist Church, Melton Road)

Child Welfare Session

Monday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Thursday morning - 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Your Medical Officer attends on Monday afternoons.

Ante-Natal Session (and Post-Natal session)

Thursday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

A Medical Officer attends.

Alford Road County Health Clinic (St. Luke's Church Hall)

Child Welfare Session

Wednesday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Your Medical Officer attends alternate weeks.

Ante-Natal Session (and Post-Natal Session)

Alternate Tuesday afternoons - 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

A Medical Officer attends each Session.

Boundary Road County Health Clinic (St. Paul's Church Hall)

Child Welfare Session

Friday afternoon - 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Your Medical Officer attended each week until 3rd July, 1964. As from 10th July, 1964 he attends alternate weeks only.

Speech Therapy Clinic

This service is administered by the Nottinghamshire County Council and appointments are made by the School Health Service.

Midwifery Service

In 1964 the Nottinghamshire County Council provided the following four Midwives in the District:

Nurse D. Otterson	-	19, Luttrell Way, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 23-2140.
Nurse S.M. Warrington	-	180, Eltham Road, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 83867.
Nurse E. L. Ibbotson	-	59, Julian Road, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 84496.
Nurse P. Mitchell	-	Flat 1, 25, William Rd. West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 82539.

Nursing in the Home

District Nurses are provided by the District Nursing Association for the West Bridgford District and are supervised by the Nottinghamshire County Council. Nurses are available at the following addresses:

Miss S. A. Bloss	-	16, Abbey Circus, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 82033.
Mrs. L. D. Brown	-	138, Wilford Lane, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 89687.
Mrs. M.H. Humphrey	-	2, Sherborne Road, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 23-3229.
Miss B. Towers	-	25, Park Avenue, West Bridgford. Tel.No. - Nottingham 83773.

Care of Premature Babies

The care of premature babies is undertaken by the Nottinghamshire County Council. The Paediatric Consultant, Dr. Blandy, is available for consultation in these cases, his services having been made possible on a part-time basis by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

Paediatric Consultations

The services of Dr. Blandy referred to in the previous paragraph are available for all children up to school leaving age. A clinic is arranged by the Local Health Authority and cases are referred to it on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer.

The County Council maintain a Consultant Clinic in Clarendon Street, Nottingham.

Ophthalmic Consultations

The services of a Consultant Ophthalmologist are made available to all children up to school leaving age. Appointments are made after reference to a County Medical Officer. The services of this Consultant are provided on a part-time basis by the Regional Hospital Board. The premises are at the Central Clinic, Clarendon Street, Nottingham.

Dental Services

The County Council maintain a Dental Service at the County Health Clinic, No. 34, Millicent Road, West Bridgford, for the dental care of children and ante-natal and nursing mothers. All treatment is provided free, including the provision of dentures if required.

Care of Unmarried Mothers, etc.

This work is supervised and administered by the Nottinghamshire County Council, who have an Almoner Service for this purpose.

Day Nursery

The Local Health Authority maintain a Day Nursery with 25 places for babies and toddlers at No. 68, Bridgford Road, West Bridgford.

School Health Service

This service is administered by the Nottinghamshire County Education Authority. Clinic facilities are available as below:

School Clinic Session - County Health Clinic, 34,Millicent Road.

Tuesday morning - 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Your Medical Officer is in attendance.

When necessary, cases are referred for a Consultant opinion, always with the consent of the patient's private Medical Practitioner.

Vaccination and Immunisation Service

This is administered by the West Bridgford Urban District Council on an Agency basis for the Local Health Authority. The following Tables and figures represent the year's work, including the cases dealt with by General Practitioner Service:

Smallpox Vaccination:

	Primary		Re-Vaccination	
	1964	1963	1964	1963
Under 3 months	8	64 (shown as	-	-
3 - 5 months	5	under 1	-	-
6 - 8 months	17	year	-	-
9 - 11 months	36	old)	-	-
1 year	198	80	-	-
2 - 4 years	20	3	1	2
5 - 14 years	12	7	1	2
15 years & over	1	1	-	12
	297	155	2	16

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

This scheme has continued in 1964, when 4 children received two injections of Salk vaccine, 12 children and adults received a third injection and 18 children and adults received one dose of Oral vaccine, thus completing the Primary course.

In addition to the above, 428 children and 18 adults received a complete course of 3 doses of Oral vaccine, a child received a 4th (Booster) injection of Salk vaccine and 320 children received a Booster dose of Oral vaccine.

Diphtheria/Whooping-cough/Tetanus Immunisation

The following figures represent the total number of children protected against Diphtheria/Whooping-cough and Diphtheria/Whooping-cough/Tetanus up to the end of the year:

Primary Doses	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Diphtheria	-	1	1	-
Diphtheria/Whooping-cough	1	1	2	-
Diphtheria/Whooping-cough/ Tetanus	103	99	97	104
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	-	-	2
Total = 411	104	101	100	106
4th Doses (18-21 Months)				
Diphtheria/Whooping-cough/ Tetanus	46	58	63	66
Total = 233				
Booster Doses				
Diphtheria	8	51	39	45
Diphtheria/Whooping-cough	40	-	-	1
Diphtheria/Whooping-cough/ Tetanus	24	32	36	33
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	2	4	1
Total = 316	72	85	79	80

The immunisation state remains satisfactory and all General Practitioners and Health Visitors continue to make every effort to obtain the full protection of children before they reach the age of 2 years.

B.C.G. Vaccination

This remains a most valuable weapon against Tuberculosis and, I believe, will be one of the major factors in the ultimate eradication of this grievous disease. The scheme continues to function smoothly with a high degree of co-operation from the Headmasters and Staffs of the various Schools.

The following Table shows the total number of children protected against Tuberculosis during the year. This includes those who showed a "positive" re-action - i.e. who had at some time in their lives come into contact with the bacillus of Tuberculosis and therefore were unsuitable for vaccination. These were referred to the Nottingham Chest Radiography Centre for X-ray to determine the actual damage, if any, done to the lungs:

Total Number Skin-tested			539
Positives		47	
Number Vaccinated	472		
Skin-tested but not Vaccinated	20	492	
		539	

Thanks must be recorded here for the valuable assistance given in the B.C.G. programme by one of my colleagues, Dr. E. Bebbington, Medical Officer of Health for Beeston & Stapleford, during my period of absence due to sickness

in the first three months of 1964.

Home Help Service

The Local Authority provide a Home Help Service and assistance can be obtained for necessitous cases on request from the County Medical Officer, The service covers the following types of cases:

(1) Maternity cases

(2) Mothers of young children (when requested by a Medical Practitioner)

(3) Cases of illness when no other help is available

(4) The aged and infirm

No nursing assistance can be given as this is not the duty of the service, which caters for housework and the preparation of simple meals, etc.

The cost of a Home Help for a full 42-hour week may be considerable, but this is examined by the Local Health Authority and, in necessitous cases, either part or the whole cost may be remitted.

This is a very valuable service to the community and leads to considerable saving in hospital beds, accommodation for old persons etc., also constituting a considerable financial saving to the country.

There is much scope for the growth of this service, which unfortunately is handicapped through lack of workers, the demand exceeding the supply at all times.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47 : National Assistance Amendment Act, 1951, Section 1.

No action was taken under these Sections of the Acts during the year under review.

The Social Welfare Officer is:

Mr. K. H. Parsons, 9, Musters Road, West Bridgford.
Tel.No. - Nottingham 82131.

(Office Hours - 9 a.m. to 12 noon - Monday to Friday)

The Mental Welfare Officer is:

Mr. H. Andrews, New Crown Buildings, Station Road, Beeston.
Tel.No. - Nottingham 25-4014

(Messages may be left at 9, Musters Road, West Bridgford, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 11 am. to 12 noon.)

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supplies

The whole of the District is supplied with water from the Nottingham Corporation Water Department, with the exception of two houses which obtain their supplies from a shallow well.

The water supply is satisfactory in quantity and quality and has no plumbo-solvent action.

Drainage and Sewerage

The Contract works of main drainage have continued during the year. The connection to the Nottingham City Outfall Sewer at Roughill Wood was completed and the pumping of sewerage to the Stoke Bardolph works was commenced on 9th September, 1964. It is anticipated that all drainage connections to the new outfall sewer will be completed by 31st March, 1965.

The Urban District sewage works is now dealing with only a very minor local flow.

Public Cleansing

The removal of household waste is dealt with by the Surveyor's Department. Disposal is by means of controlled tipping. This work is well maintained and the reclamation of the land by the controlled tipping will be a valuable asset to the District.

Smoke Abatement

This subject is dealt with in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1964

To: The Chairman and Members of the
West Bridgford Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1964.

The following is a list of the Inspections and Re-inspections made during the year:-

	Inspections.	Re-Inspections.
Notifiable Diseases	21	-
Sanitary Defects	99	209
Housing Defects	75	246
Dirty Houses	3	-
Dustbins	88	83
Shops	143	2
Pet Shop	4	-
Factories (with power)	100	-
Factories (without power)	24	-
Bakehouses	34	-
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act.	57	-
Drainage Defects	340	261
Water Supply	2	-
Refuse Accumulations	22	12
Cafes and Hotels	71	-
Rats and Mice	6	2
Insect Infestations	9	4
Miscellaneous Visits	360	-
Petroleum Installations	75	-
Owners etc. Interviewed	36	-
Food Inspections	34	-
Meat Shops	347	-
General Provision Shops	439	-
Fruit & Vegetable Shops	155	-
Fish Shops	44	-
Fried Fish Shops	18	-
Ice-cream Premises & Sweetshops	76	-
Fowls	1	-
	2,683	819

COMPLAINTS

During the year the following 401 complaints were received and dealt with:

General Defects	56
Drainage Defects	244
Dustbins	65
Smoke	1
Offensive Odours	18
Refuse Accumulations	9
Water Supply	1
Insects	4
Mouldy Bread	1
Fowls	1
Birds	1
	401

RODENT CONTROL

During the year 227 complaints of infestations were received and dealt with, the operator making 1,582 visits and 3,233 surveys of individual properties other than those complained of and 224 rat bodies and 85 mouse bodies were recovered.

On premises where "gassing" was carried out and "spoon baiting" of runs etc., it was not possible to recover all the bodies so that the total number of rodents destroyed will be in excess of the above figures.

In addition 22 wasps nests were destroyed.

HOUSING

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 605

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 605

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations ..... Nil

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... Nil

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..... Nil

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 130

Remedy of Defects during the Year without the service of Formal Notices:

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 122

HOUSING (continued)

Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs ..... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:

(a) By Owners ..... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ..... Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:

(a) By Owners ..... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ..... Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16 - 32 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... Nil

(2)(a) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... Nil

(b) Houses demolished following undertaking by Owners not to re-let ..... Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 36 of the Housing Act, 1957:

(a) Number of Notices served ..... Nil

(b) Number of Notices complied with ..... Nil

Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV:

Abatement of Overcrowding:

Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ..... Not known

Number of new Houses erected during the year:

(a) By the Local Authority ..... Nil

(b) By Private Enterprise 89

Number of Houses improved with the aid of Grant 18

RENT ACT, 1957

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

(1) No. of applications for certificates..... Nil

(2) No. of decisions not to issue certificates ..... Nil

(3) No. of decisions to issue certificates:

(a) In respect of some but not all defects ..... Nil

(b) In respect of all defects ..... Nil

(4) No. of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule ..... Nil

(5) No. of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule ..... Nil

(6) No. of Certificates issued ..... Nil

Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates ..... Nil

(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates ..... Nil

(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objections ..... Nil

(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority ..... Nil

AIR POLLUTION

Legislation dealing with air pollution has been altered by an amendment of the Clean Air Act by Section 95 of the Housing Act, 1964. A new dwelling is now definied as one erected after the 16th August, 1965 and this means that dwellings completed before 16th August 1965 (formerly 5th July, 1956) may be eligible for a grant for conversion of appliances required to conform with smoke control area regulations. Local Authorities and the Minister of Housing & Local Government have power to designate the type of appliance for which grants will be available with a view to discouraging the provision of appliances burning fuels which are in short supply "as placing undue strain on fuel resources." Other amendments to the actual payment of grants have been made. The practical effect of the amendments is to enlarge the range of appliances for which grants can be paid and to increase the number of houses which may be eligible for such grants, thus increasing the costs of both the Exchequer and the Local Authority in the setting up of smoke control areas.

The Council maintains a volumetric smoke machine for measuring the pollution of the atmosphere and details of daily figures of pollution are supplied to the Ministry of Technology, Warren Spring Laboratory.

There is practically no pollution of the air in West Bridgford from local industrial establishments. The main pollution is from domestic appliances with some air borne pollution from other districts.

MILK

Licences for the distribution of milk are now issued by the County Council who are also the sampling authority. Results of such sampling are given in the extract from the Report of the Chief Weights & Measures Inspector at the end of this Report.

ICE-CREAM

There are now no local manufacturers of ice-cream, all supplies coming from outside the area. Checks are made on retailers' premises at frequent intervals. Sixteen samples of ice-cream were taken during the year and were placed in Grade I by the Analyst.

FOOD

The food shops in the District are quite satisfactory. No Slaughtering takes place within this District, fresh meat being obtained mainly from the Nottingham abattoir where it is inspected by the City Public Health Inspectors. Regular visits are paid to cafes and other food preparing premises and advice and instruction are given where necessary.

(1) The following is a list of the number of food premises by type in the area:

Grocers	29
Grocers with Off-Licences	6
Grocers with Greengrocery	18
Greengrocers	14
Greengrocers with Wet Fish	3
Greengrocer and Butcher	2
Wholesale Greengrocer	1
Wholesale Potato Merchant	1
Wet Fish	2
Fish & Chip Friers and Wet Fish	1
Fish & Chip Friers	3
Butchers	15
Bread and Confectionery	2
Bakers & Confectioners with Shops	2
Wholesale Bakers and Confectioners	3
Restuarants and Cafes	7
Licensed Premises	4
Licensed Premises serving Meals	3
Off Licenses	4
Licensed Private Clubs	13
Sweets and Ice-Cream	21
Wholesale Provisions	1
Multiple Self-service Food Stores	6
Private Hotels	6
Transport Drivers' Accommodation	3
Dance Halls	1
Other Public Halls	2
Works Canteens	3
School Kitchens	8

(2) Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955:

(a) For sale of Ice-Cream	-	72
(b) Food preparing premises	-	11

The number of inspections of these premises is included in the list of inspections given earlier in this Report.

(3) Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949/1954	-	2

(4) Condemned Foods:

42 lbs of tinned meat products and 301 lbs of other tinned goods were condemned by the Public Health Inspectors and surrendered for destruction by the Owners.

(5) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

These Regulations were designed to prevent the contamination of food during its preparation, storage, sale and delivery and all food premises have been inspected in an endeavour to secure compliance with the Regulations.

Warnings were given for minor contraventions of the Regulations.

No legal proceedings were taken under these Regulations during the year.

RAG FLOCK ACT

One factory in the District is registered under the above Act for the storage of Rag Flock.

I wish to express to the Council my gratitude and thanks for their help and support and also to the Medical Officer of Health, the Health Department Staff and my colleagues in other Departments, my sincere thanks for their co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

L. Webb

Public Health Inspector

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Nottinghamshire County Council, has submitted his Annual Report on samples taken in West Bridgford during 1964. This shows that the following articles were sampled and, with the three exceptions below, all were genuine:

Almonds, ground	
Beans, sliced	
Beef, Brisket	
Beef & Onion Steaklets	
Blueberry Pie Filling	
Brandy	
Breadcrumbs	
Cabbage	
Childrens Feverish Cold Mixture	
Cooking Fat	
Cornish Pasties	
Cream	
Cream Horns	
Drinking Chocolate	
Fish Cakes	(3 samples)
Flour, Self-raising	
Frankfurter sausages in brine	
Frosting Mixture	
Honey	
Ice-cream	(2 samples)
Irish Stewed Steak in gravy	*
Jam	(2 samples)
Jam Tarts	
Lard	(2 samples)
Lettuce	
Lime Cordial & Lager	
Maize Oil	
Margarine	
Meat Tenderiser	
Milk	(31 samples)
Mixed dried fruit	
Mustard Piccalilli	
Onions	
Peas, processed	
Peach Wine	
Potted Meat	
Prunes	
Rhubarb, canned	
Rice	
Rum	(2 samples)
Rye Crispbread	
Sauce	
Sauerkraut with Pork, Veal & Sausage	
Sausage, Beef	(2 samples)
Sausage meat, Beef	
Scotch Eggs	
Skimmed milk Fruit & Nut block	
Soup	(2 samples)
Sponge Pudding mixture	
Steak & Kidney Pies	(3 samples)
Steak & Kidney Pudding	
Stewing Steak	
Sultana Pudding	
Sweets * (2)	(3 samples)
Tea	
Vegetable Oil	
Whisky	(5 samples)

Total: 103 Samples

* Of the above Samples:

The sample of Irish Stewed Steak with Gravy was deficient in Meat. The Importers were cautioned.

Two of the three samples of Sweets were deficient in butter fat. Manufacturer cautioned.

Miscellaneous Food and Drugs Investigations

1. Apple Tart contaminated with mould. Bakers prosecuted and fined £10 with £3.3.0d costs.

2. Loaf of Bread contaminated with mould. Seller cautioned.

3. Pork Pie contaminated with mould. Seller prosecuted and fined £40 with £3.3.0d costs.

4. Loaf of Bread contaminated with mould. Bakers cautioned.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of the provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	7	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	71	81	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	51	70	-	-
TOTAL	127	158	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in List required by Section 110 (1) (c)
Wearing Apparel, Making etc.	47
Lace, Lace Curtains & Nets	8
Nets, other than Wire Nets	3
TOTAL:	58